

Awareness Box

Item #9490

The sturdy plastic box holds nine different types of sensory stimulation items. All are soft, safe, and designed to give a child various sensations due to their textures. Each item is sold separately in our Special Populations catalog. This Awareness Box is a great lead-in for a child in your class who requires special attention, or to teach your general class the sensitivity necessary to work with children who have special needs.

- Have the children close their eyes. Place an item in their hand and have them guess what the item is. They could also tell you what the item could be used for, or what you do with it.
- Use the same idea as above, except, do not place the item in the children's hands; rather, rub/roll the item on the children's necks, arms, or legs, and have them guess what the items are. They could also share the sensory stimulation they get from the item. Does it tickle? Is it squeezable? Does it bounce? Does it feel itchy?
- Have the children toss, catch, bounce, or kick each item and then discuss the level of adaptability of each item. Is a spider ball a good kicking item for a child in a wheelchair? What would be better? How about tossing a water log to a sight-impaired person? These kinds of questions get the children thinking. To test their logic, you can have them toss balls with one eye closed, kick while hopping on one foot or sitting in a chair, or bounce items with a closed fist or one handed.
- These items are excellent as quiet-time activities. Nothing is loud, nor does it go very far when tossed or rolled.



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